



**In the United States Patent & Trademark Office**

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AUG 14 2001

RECEIVED

In re New Patent Application of:  
**Offord, R. et al.**

Examiner:

Serial No.: To Be Assigned

Art Unit:

Filed: Herewith

Atty. Dkt.: 3504.246 GRFN 026/04-US

For: **N-Terminal Modification of  
RANTES and Methods of Use**

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to commencing the Examination of the above-described patent application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks

No request for extension of time, and no other fee beyond those provided in the Papers, if any, that accompany this Preliminary Amendment are believed to be required for consideration of this Paper. In the event, however, that the Commissioner determines that a fee is required in connection with this submission, please accept this submission as providing a request for such extension, and as authorization for charging such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0548.

**Amendments**

In the Specification:

At page 1, immediately after line 3, please insert the following:

--Cross-Reference to Related Applications:

This application is a continuation of US Patent Application Serial No. 08/141,833, filed on August 28, 1998 (now pending), which application claims priority from Provisional Application No. 60/056,292 (filed September 3, 1997), Provisional